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For: **Compositions of Reverse Transcriptases and Mutants Thereof**
Inventors: GERARD *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4330003/RWE/HCC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(1);
2. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17);
3. Request for Continued Examination (RCE);
4. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) to cover:
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4. A copy of the Declaration Concerning the Deposited Biological Material;
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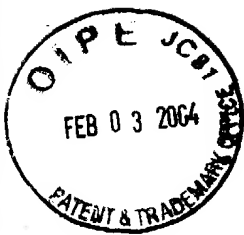
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